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## HARRIMAN'S GREAT AMBITION.

Charles P. Harriman, in the July "Cosmopolitan," states that E. C. Harriman's ambition is to combine the great railroads of the country into one grand organization, and as he already controls 46,000 miles of track, with a capital of two and a half billions, and besides is interested largely in several other large systems, his grand project is less visionary than it appears at first view.

In the same magazine, there appears a bit of fiction which is illuminating. In substance, it recites what would occur if one man should come into control of the entire flourishing life of the country and then of all the bakeries, and then, hoarding his receipts until there should come a scarcity of currency, proceed to sell stocks "short" and precipitate a money panic, resulting in thousands of bankruptcies of banks, firms, corporations and individuals and causing country-wide destitution and misery.

Mr. Harriman should succeed in carrying out his project of combining all the railroad systems into one great organization, would it not be possible for him or his successor to eventually direct precisely such disastrous conditions as are mentioned? Fortunately, Mr. Harriman's age and health preclude the possibility of his ambition, but his successor may prove competent to do the work.

The lesson of the situation is the enormous power held by the great corporations. Can any one doubt that the Oil, Steel, Sugar and Tobacco trusts can, united or even singly, initiate a money panic at will? There are those who assert that the money panic which began in October 1907 and some of the effects of which are still with us, was wholly artificial, initiated for the double purpose of discrediting President Roosevelt and of so knocking down the market value of stocks as to make them what speculators call "a good purchase."

It is extremely unfortunate that certain of the greater corporations have it within their power to precipitate a money panic at any time which sends their stock market or political purposes.

The Mayor's annual message to the Board of Aldermen contained what was presumably intended as an argument in favor of the railroad merger line. It included the expression of a hope that, in the decision of this question, "the arts of the demagogue" would not prevail. The Farmer has, from the start of the contest, antagonized to the limit of its inadequate ability this harborer—therefore, in the Mayor's opinion, its writers must be demagogues. If the cause of the epithet and the epithet itself, be kept linked together, the Farmer will accept the latter as an honor.

It much prefers that characterization to being classed as psychopathic to corporate wealth, or "arraying class against class," or parasitic to corporate power, or as traitorous, for any reason, to the city which affords it a home, protection and sustenance. But really this is a matter of choice, and tastes sometimes differ.

In his annual message, Mayor Lee deprecates attempts to "array class against class," referring presumably to endeavors to awaken the people against the railroad grab of 11 acres of harbor area and interpreting those endeavors as attempts to "array class against class." We do not accept the interpretation as correct, but if it is, the reverse of the proposition must also be correct, viz., that the advocates of the grab not only attempted but succeeded in applying to Bridgeport the class distinction of railroads vs. cities, which is found in quite general operation throughout the country.

But it is not quite absurd to assert that attempts to defend a city's interests against corporate greed must be classed as "arraying class against class." Are railroads so sacred, in the Mayor's view, that their wishes must be granted without opposition, on pain of the offenders against that rule being stigmatized as disturbers of the public peace who invite anarchy by arraying "class against class?"

Mayor Lee impeaches the intelligence of his protesting constituents and casts a doubt upon his own, when he resorts to such puerile arguments to sustain his position.

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## FARFEL

A Dull Day—Hunting for Teachers—  
Our High School Pupils—The Win-  
throp Ferry Gift—Miss Lacey—  
Newest Personals.

Everything was dead quiet in town yesterday, owing to the "fair weather," which proved to be a dismal, damp, disagreeable downpour. Even the open trolley cars did not make the few passengers any more comfortable. The attempt to force the season by running open trolleys has thus far proved a dismal failure. There has hardly been a day this year when an open trolley was needed for comfort or pleasure. The spraying of the elm trees in town began on Tuesday by a Stamford firm but had to be suspended yesterday. All outdoor work was held up, and the air at the beach was cold, dark and dreary. If this sort of thing keeps up the beach season will be short and disappointing.

Supt. Wheatley has been scouring the country around this week in search for new teachers for schools where possible vacancies may occur in the summer and fall. Tuesday he was in Waterbury, Cheshire, Waterbury and Meriden, and a portion of the way he traveled by trolley, getting a good view of the country. Yesterday he took an early train to New Haven.

There are rumors from Greenfield Hill this spring that the farmers are plotting up an unconquered lot of stones. Some seismic shock appears to have loosened them. There is one consolation, they can be used for building purposes.

It is thought Mr. Davis, of the Locomobile works, will soon build a garage on his new place on Main street.

Mrs. William Burr recently lost some chickens by permitting them to eat the crumbs of salted crackers. His food does not agree with them.

The Keyser family has left town. The statement is made that a number of the young men and women who are attending the Bridgeport High school at the expense of the town, have fallen behind in their studies, and need more time. Instead of four to complete their course up to the point of graduation. The question is being asked if the town will or should pay for tuition fees and trolley fare for boys and girls who fall behind in their studies. It would seem that young folks who are being educated at the expense of the town, should take some pride in maintaining the reputation of the town, and should realize they are enjoying the privileges of the town. If they are not willing to send a boy or girl to school, the least they can do in return is to be studious, industrious, and to do some creditable work. It is a pity that some of the town's money is expended in return for the money expended. It is a pity that some of the town's money is expended in return for the money expended.

Winthrop Perry of Southport, is much appreciated, and a good number of them have already been put upon the shelves for circulation. In the list we note the following: Old Lady, No. 31, by Louis Forsslund; With the Night Mail, by Rudyard Kipling; The Gentleman, by Irving Berlin; Bachelor, Old Gentleman of the Black Stock, by T. N. Page; Meadow Grass, by Alice Brown; Young Nemesis, by E. B. Clegg; The King of the Bunch, by S. P. McLean; The Pair of Patient Lovers, by W. D. Howells; Aftermath, by the same author; Harry Lorrequer, by Charles King; Katharine, by Mrs. E. M. Lane; Capt. of the Gray Horse Troop, by Hamlin Garland; Afield and Afloat, by E. B. Clegg; The Little Mount, by Henry Harland; Why Worry, by G. L. Walton; House Boat on the Styx, by S. P. McLean; Vestry of the Basil, by S. P. McLean; Margery, by George Ebers; Little Citizens, by Mrs. M. K. McNaughton; Bachelor, by Mrs. M. K. McNaughton; West Point Woe, by S. J. Cotes; and Seats of the Master, by Gilbert Parker.

It is expected that no less than five of our teachers will receive State certificates of honor as proficient in their profession.

Recent visitors to Greenfield Hill include Mr. and Mrs. David Armstrong and Dr. Gorham and family.

This afternoon an entertainment was given by the pupils of the Martin Banks school.

A former resident, Henry S. Raymond, is now living in San Francisco. He left this town 22 years ago.

Miss Helen Hotchkiss has been in Waterbury for a few days to attend the commencement of St. Margaret's school. She is now visiting relatives in Hartford.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Dunmore have taken apartments over the post office in Southport, and gone to housekeeping.

Dr. Wells of New York, with his family, has arrived in town for the summer.

Among the sick in town appears the name of Mrs. M. E. Perry.

Miss Lacey of Southport, who used to contribute a very valuable and interesting column or two upon matters ornithological for the Bridgeport Farmer, has given up the job, to the deep disappointment of all up-to-date Audubonists.

Refreshment and economy are found in Williams' Root Beer. Cools the family for 2 cents a quart.

## STRATFORD

The Great Whist—Local Mails—Com-  
ing Entertainments—Mrs. Bond's Li-  
cense—Library Work—Miss Lovell—  
—Freshest Personals.

The St. James' whist was such a great success on Tuesday evening that the overflow would have filled the Odd Fellows' Hall on the third floor of the Town hall. The box of cigars was won by E. C. Burritt, the popular young man connected with the Wells grocery store at Hartford.

Besides the food which will be on sale to-morrow afternoon at the Town hall for the lighting fund for Christ church there will be quite a variety of useful articles.

No less than 17 mails arrive at the local post office daily, and almost as many depart. Mr. Thomas who carries the mails to and from the depot makes about 30 trips a day, which must aggregate nearly 100 miles. No wonder he thinks the good people are daft on the post card business.

To-night will be a red letter night in town. What with the visiting of the birds at the library, and the singing of the minstrels at Red Men's hall the air will be full of music.

There is still talk of forming another secret organization in town, to be known as the Pocahontas auxiliary. This will be a collateral branch of the Red Men of the female side of the house. Anything in this line now seems possible since the W. O. W.'s

have been able to form a camp. But there must still be a few men and women in town who have not as yet been gathered into some of these popular lodges.

On Saturday evening there is to be a rehearsal of the Methodist choir. Mrs. Jack Diamond is taking in the wonders of New Britain for a fortnight or so.

Many new jokes and stunning anecdotes will be recited this evening at Red Men's hall when the entertainment gets into full swing. The program was gone over carefully last night.

Stratford avenue from Hard's corner to McDonald's corner, is said by those who travel over it, to be in a woful condition, not to mention the loose cobble stones which lie on the surface.

William Hughes has just received the present of an umbrella from Washington as a souvenir of his visit to that city during the great inauguration blizzard.

Mr. George A. Porter has begun the erection of another house on Warwick avenue. It is to be a first class building in all respects, hard wood finished with all modern improvements, and wired for electricity by any played for class.

"Dottie," the city lady who was confined for a day or two in the cooler, there she was "green monkeys," finally and her fine and costly dress and jewelry was allowed to go free. Not a few local people who had intended to go into the country for a picnic yesterday, were misled by a fake weather report which appeared in the morning papers as follows: "New England, Fair, Wednesday." Comment is needless.

Mr. Teasdale of North Adams, Mass., employed in the Locomobile works, Bridgeport, has rented one of the Porter houses on Stratford avenue.

A letter from Miss Alice W. Lovell states that she has been assigned to the Muhlenberg library, Twenty-third street, New York, where she will practice her profession. She will probably come home to the marriage of Mr. Lovell to Miss Hines.

Our library is doing a good work in the way of helping out in the matter of text books some of our young people who are studying at New Haven.

One of the interesting new books on the counter of the library, ready for circulation, are "The Arts and Crafts of Old Spain." In three handsome volumes, by Leonard Wilton, and profusely illustrated with photographs of carvings, jewelry, textiles, iron work, pottery, and statuary. Other works are "The War of the World," by The Philosophy of Loyalty, by Royce; Lincoln Master of Men, by Alonzo Roeschold; Story of 19th Century Science, by Henry S. Williams; The Manual of Botany, London, by W. D. Howells, a book exceedingly thin of information, and about skin deep, so far as London is concerned. Also some 40 volumes for children known as the "Little Cousins Series" which treats of children in all parts of the world, is illustrated with colored pictures, and as Miss Russell says, is extremely popular with young folks.

A number of very enjoyable entertainments are on the program for the rest of this week.

According to reports Messrs. William Beard and Leroy M. Beach, have been taking headers in the fields of the coasting down Tory Hill. Clothes were torn, flesh was bruised, hats were dented, and the road was injured in spots. But boys will be frisky when out for a bicycle ride.

Mr. Frank Edwards recently caught a fall and fractured one of his ribs. He was standing on a ladder when he ungratefully took a notion to slip. There is to be a dance in Woodmont this evening with music by our own Stringed Orchestra.

The unknown man who was found in the Housatonic river last Sunday has been buried in the Potter's field.

Sixty-six Union soldiers have been buried in Union cemetery.

It is very distressing to learn that a lady from out of town, while getting off a trolley at the center yesterday, "turned a somersault right behind her husband." Some special Providence prevented him from witnessing the dreadful occurrence.

People who have returned to town within a day or two, after outings in the country, include Miss Sallie Wells, Lester Alden, Miss Beatrice Moss, Miss Susie Hine, and Rev. A. V. R. Abbott, who has been speaking on temperance in Bridgeport.

When Miss Marguerite Cogswell graduates from Vassar, her mother will go to Poughkeepsie to witness the ceremony.

It is announced that the 4th of July dance this year given by the Post-club will come on the 6th of July. So it will be a 5th of July dance.

Bay State Graduate  
Heads West Point Class

West Point, N. Y., June 10.—Stuart C. Godfrey of Milford, Mass., will be graduated from West Point at the head of his class Friday. He has held class honors ever since he entered the academy four years ago. He is cadet lieutenant and editor in chief of The Howitzer.

The mental examination, preliminary to the graduation exercises, was completed yesterday, and the standing of each cadet announced.

Blue Stamp Ordered  
For Special Delivery

Washington, June 10.—As a matter of imperative necessity, Postmaster General Hitchcock has decided to discontinue the new green special delivery stamp and return to the familiar blue stamp showing a special delivery messenger boy mounted on a bicycle. In the great rush with which the mails must be handled many letters bearing the new stamp have escaped treatment as special delivery matter because of the new stamp's similarity in size and color to the one-cent stamp. In some instances delays in delivery of such letters have caused serious loss to the public and embarrassment to the post office department.

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Leather Blow-out Patches .40 to .80  
Generator Tubing, foot......08  
Gas Bags......25  
Gas Burners......25  
Rubber Covered Cable......06  
Foot Pumps......15  
Soapstone......10  
Dixon's Graphite, all kinds......25c to .60  
Oil Guns......75 to 1.50  
Patches for Inner Tubes......03 to .25  
Cement......10 to 1.50  
Goggles......20 to 3.50  
Lugs......50 to 1.00  
Gauntlet Gloves......75  
Valves......5c, 6 for .25  
Valve Centers......5c, 6 for .25  
Foot Pumps......15 to 3.00  
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In Main street from Fairview avenue to Thorne street.

In Savy street from Main street to Wayne street.

In Westfield avenue from Main street westerly about 500 feet.

In Brewster street commencing at and connecting with sewer in Fairfield street and extending southerly a distance of about 300 feet.

In North avenue from Lexington avenue westerly about 150 feet.

CHARLES F. BILTZ, Director of Public Works.

To the Board of County Commissioners of Fairfield County.

I hereby apply for a license to sell Spirituous and Intoxicating Liquors, Ale, Lager Beer, Rhine Wine, and Cider, at No. 409 Water street, Town of Bridgeport. My place of business is not located within 200 feet in a direct line of a Church, Edifice, Parochial School or Public School-house, or the premises pertaining thereto, or any Post Office, Public Library or Cemetery.

Dated at Bridgeport, this 14th day of May, A. D. 1905.

WILLIAM HART, Applicant.

We, the undersigned, electors and taxpayers, as defined by law, of the Town of Bridgeport hereby endorse the application of the above named William Hart for such license and we do severally certify each for himself that we are owners of real estate situated in said Town of Bridgeport, and that we have not endorsed the application of any other person for a license to sell spirituous and intoxicating liquors during the ensuing license year.

Dated at Bridgeport, this 14th day of May, A. D. 1905.

J. B. Garrison, Bridgeport; Charles H. Thompson, Bridgeport; Charles F. W. Kucher, Bridgeport; George W. Short, Bridgeport; Edgar Russell, Bridgeport.

I hereby certify that the above named are electors and taxpayers, as defined by law, of the Town of Bridgeport, and that they have signed for no other applicant.

Dated at Bridgeport, this 14th day of May, A. D. 1905.

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